

Kinship Care

OUTCOME:


Kinship families receive increased support.

- Relative Placement
- Increased Access to Services for Kinship Providers



20. Relative Placement
Action Steps

Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item	
20.1	Increase number of relative placements.	20.1.1	Develop and implement caregiver initial assessment policy to support immediate relative placements. <i>(Refer to Permanency Section 8.2.2)</i>	6/05	Task Completion Task Completion Task Completion Task Completion Task Completion Task Completion	<u>Program & Policy</u>	Items 8, 14 & 15	Reform
		20.1.2	Implement relative home study <i>(Refer to Kinship Care section)</i> . a. Workgroup develops initial assessment tool and policy. b. Management reviews and approves appropriate recommendations. c. Provide training to staff. d. Implementation statewide.	6/05		<u>Program & Policy</u>	Item 15	
		20.1.3	Utilize Family-Team Decision Making meetings to increase relative placements <i>(Refer to Safety Section 3.2.1)</i> <u>Subject to 2005 budget request</u>	10/04-9/06		<u>Field Operations</u> <u>Program & Policy</u>		
		20.1.4	Hire and train relative search staff to support finding potential relative resources and Family Team Decision Making Meetings and by: • Completing relative/father searches • Identify Tribal/Band affiliation • Completing caregiver initial assessment. <u>Subject to 2005 budget request</u> a. Budget decisions. b. Hire relative search staff c. Provide training to staff.					

<div>Increased Access to Services for Kinship Providers Action Steps</div>								
Goals		Action Steps/Benchmarks		Dates of Achievement	Method of Measurement	Lead(s)	CFSR/Program Improvement Plan or Reform Item	
21.1	Increase access to services for kinship care and guardianship providers.	21.1.1	Expand support for kinship care providers to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop and implement regional resource centers for post adoption families, permanent kinship families and guardianship providers (<i>Refer to Permanency Section</i>)Licensed kinship care providers will have access to the support programs provided through the Request for Proposal (RFP) for foster parent recruitment and retention.Increased access to specific services through providing additional capacity for contracted services. (<i>Refer to Permanency, Section 11</i>)Implement training stipend for kinship care providers.Access to ongoing training through the Resource Family Training Institute.	TBD	Task Completion	<u>Program & Policy</u>		Reform
		21.1.2	Develop and implement revised policy framework for kinship care. <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Establish policy workgroup to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop policy providing access to services for non-licensed kinship care providers; andDevelop tools (<i>e.g. ancestry chart, genogram</i>) for Kinship care policy, including how it supports Tribal ICWA law requirements.b. Management team reviews and approves recommendations.		Task Completion	<u>Program & Policy</u>		Reform
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			<div>c. Make necessary policy changes to support framework.</div> <div>d. Provide training to staff.</div> <div>e. Implement policy changes.</div>	<div>1/05</div> <div>4/05</div> <div>6/05</div>	<div>Task Completion</div> <div>Task Completion</div> <div>Task Completion</div>			
		21.1.3	<div>Expand support for guardianship providers to include:</div> <div><div>• Develop and implement regional resource centers for post-adoption families, permanent kinship families and guardianship providers. <i>(Refer to Permanency Section)</i></div><div>• Establish a post-guardianship support program.</div><div>• Access to ongoing training through the Resource Family Training Institute.</div></div>		<div>Task Completion</div>	<div><u>Program & Policy</u></div>		Reform
		21.1.4	<div>Develop MOU with TANF and Aging Administrations which includes a process for identification of a TANF contact person in every TANF office for relatives seeking assistance.</div> <div><div>a. Establish workgroup to draft MOU.</div><div>b. Management team reviews and approves of MOU.</div><div>c. Orient staff to MOU and agreed upon process for contact person in each TANF office.</div><div>d. Implement statewide.</div></div>	<div>10/04</div> <div>3/05</div> <div>5/05</div>	<div>Task Completion</div> <div>Task Completion</div> <div>Task Completion</div>		<div><u>Program & Policy</u></div>	Reform
		21.1.5	<div>Explore working partnerships and opportunities to secure and increase legal assistance for parents and family members to complete parenting plans, paternity and third party custody agreements, etc. <i>(e.g. Office of Public Defense, Law schools)</i></div>	<div>8/05</div> <div>TBD</div>	<div>Task Completion</div> <div>Task Completion</div>	<div><u>Program & Policy</u></div>		Reform
		21.1.6	<div>In collaboration with community partners, develop, seek and implement guardianship legislation to change current statute of “dependency guardianships” to dismiss dependency upon establishment of guardianship. <i>(See Permanency Section 8)</i></div>	<div>7/05</div>	<div>Task Completion</div>	<div><u>Program & Policy</u></div>	<div>Item 7, 8, 10</div>	
		21.1.7	<div>Implement new guardianship orders and declarations of guardianships as developed by the AAG. <i>(Refer to Permanency Section 8)</i></div>		<div>Task Completion</div>	<div><u>Program & Policy</u></div>	<div>Item 8</div>	